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SUBJ: TIMOR

1. KEN FRY, ALP PARLIAMENTARIAN AND LONG TIME OPPONENT OF
INDONESIAN ACTIONS IN TIMOR, PARTICIPATED IN A CLANDESTINE
RADIO CONVERSATION WITH FRETRELIN FORCES IN TIMOR ON MAY 7.
DURING A 90 MINUTE BROADCAST FRY SENT GREETINGS TO FRETRELIN
FROM NINE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT INCLUDING THE DEPUTY LEADER
OF THE OPPOSITION, MR. UREN; DR. JIM CAIRNS, A FORMER DEPUTY
PRIME MINISTER; DR. MOSS CASS, A FORMER LABOR MINISTER; SENA-
TOR NEVILLE BONNER, LIBERAL, QUEENSLAND; AND THE DEPUTY LEADER
OF THE OPPOSITION IN THE SENATE, SENATOR KEEFFE. FRY JOURNEYED
ABOUT 100 KMS INTO THE BUSH FROM DARWIN TO MAKE THE BROADCAST.
FRY CLAIMED THAT HE TALKED WITH ALRICO FERNANDEZ, IDENTIFIED
AS FRETRELIN'S "MINISTER FOR INFORMATION AND NATIONAL SECURITY",
WHO ALLEGEDLY BROADCASTS TO DARWIN THREE TIMES A WEEK ON THE
TIMORESE RADIO "MAUBERE". FERNANDEZ TOLD HIS AUSTRALIAN
QUESTIONERS INTER ALIA THAT U.S. BUILE BRONCO AIRCRAFT WERE
STILL BEING USED BY INDONESIANS IN EAST TIMOR.

2. COMMENT: THIS COULD BE AN EMBARRASSING INCIDENT FOR THE
GOA IN ITS RELATIONS WITH INDONESIA BECAUSE, WHILE IT IS
ALMOST CERTAIN THAT THE BROADCASTS ARE ILLEGAL, IT WOULD BE
EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR THE GOA TO TAKE LEGAL ACTION AGAINST
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KEN FRY. THESE RADIO CONTACTS ARE ALSO EMBARRASSING TO
GOUGH WHITLAM, WHOSE NAME IS CONSPICUOUSLY MISSING FROM
THE LIST OF OPPOSITION LEADERS SENDING GREETINGS TO FRETRELIN.
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